

7. (Amended) A ceramic material according to claim 1, wherein a grain size of the carbonized powders is in a range of 10 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

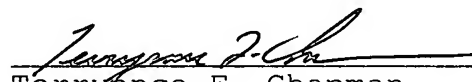
8. (Amended) A formed sintered tile, wherein the ceramic material as set forth in claim 1 is formed in the shape of a square or rectangular sheet.

9. (Amended) A formed sintered flooring, wherein the ceramic material as set forth in claim 1 is formed in the shape of a square or rectangular sheet.

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3. (Amended) A ceramic material according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the thermosetting resin is one kind of, or not less than two kinds of resins selected from the group consisting of phenol resin, diaryl phthalate resin, unsaturated polyester resin, epoxy resin, polyimide resin, and triazine resin.

4. (Amended) A ceramic material according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the binder is an organic binder and/or an inorganic binder.

5. (Amended) A ceramic material according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein a mixing ratio of the defatted bran to the thermosetting resin is 50 to 90:50 to 10 by weight.

6. (Amended) A ceramic material according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein a mixing ratio of the carbonized powders to the ceramic powders is 5 to 95:95 to 5 by weight.

7. (Amended) A ceramic material according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein a grain size of the carbonized powders is in a range of 10 to 500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

8. (Amended) A formed sintered tile, wherein the ceramic material as set forth in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 is formed in the shape of a square or rectangular sheet.

9. (Amended) A formed sintered flooring, wherein the ceramic material as set forth in ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 is formed in the shape of a square or rectangular sheet.

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